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(54) **Light-emitting material for organo-electroluminescence device and
organo-electroluminescence devive for which the light-emitting material is adapted**

Leuchtemittierender Stoff für organische Elektrolumineszensvorrichtung, und organische
Elektrolumineszensvorrichtung mit diesem leuchtemittierenden dafür geeigneten Stoff

Substance émettant de la lumière pour dispositif organique électroluminescent, et dispositif organique
électroluminescent pour lequel la substance est adaptée

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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a light-emitting material for an organo-electroluminescence ("EL" hereinafter) device used as a flat light source or display, and to a light-emitting device having a high brightness.

5 [0002] An EL device using an organic substance is greatly expected to be usable as a solid light-emitting inexpensive large-screen, full-color display device, and the development thereof is being made in many ways. Generally, an EL device is composed of a light-emitting layer and a pair of mutually opposite electrodes sandwiching the light-emitting layer. The light emission by an EL device is the following phenomenon. When an electric field is applied between these two electrodes, the cathode injects electrons into the light-emitting layer, and the anode injects holes into the light-emitting layer. When the electrons recombine with the holes in the light-emitting layer, their energy level shifts to a valence bond band to release energy as fluorescent light.

10 [0003] As compared with inorganic EL devices, conventional organic EL devices require high voltage, and their light emission brightness and light emission efficiency are low. Further, conventional organic EL devices deteriorate in properties to a great extent, and no organic EL device has been put to practical use.

15 [0004] There has been recently proposed an organic EL device which is produced by laminating a thin film containing an organic compound having a fluorescent quantum effect of emitting light at a low voltage as low as less than 10 V, and it attracts attention (Appl. Phy. Lett., Vol. 51, page 913, 1987). The above organic EL device has a fluorescent layer containing a metal chelate complex and a hole-injecting layer containing an amine-based compound, and emits green light having a high brightness. The above organic EL device achieves nearly practically usable performance, 20 since it accomplishes a brightness of 1,000 cd/m² and a maximum light emission efficiency of 1.5 lm/W at a direct current voltage of 6 or 7V.

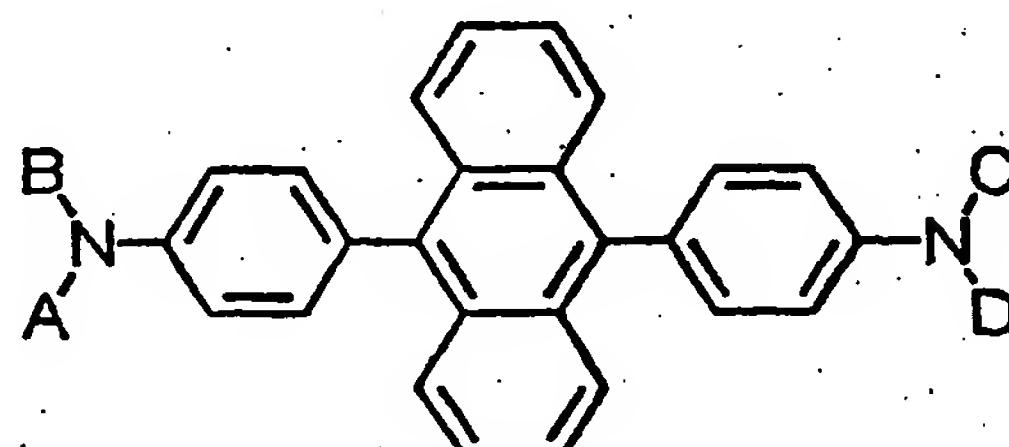
25 [0005] However, conventional organic EL devices including the above organic EL device are not yet satisfactory in brightness although these organic EL devices are improved in brightness to some extent. Further, the serious problem is that they are insufficient in light emission stability in their continuous operation for a long period of time. That is because, for example, a metal chelate complex such as a tris(8-hydroxyquinolate)aluminum complex (Alq₃) is chemically unstable at a time of field light emission, is poor in adhesion to a cathode and extremely deteriorates in a short period of emission.

30 [0006] As a blue light emitting material for an organic EL device, further, there have been proposed materials having a structure of anthracene, tetraphenylbutadiene, stilbene, bisstyryl, cyclopentadiene or oxadiazole, while these materials are insufficient in light emission efficiency and maximum light emission brightness and have problems when practically used ("Yuuki EL Sosi Kaihatsu Senryaku (Strategy for Development of Organic EL Devices)", issued by K.K. Science Forum, page 169, 1992).

35 [0007] For the foregoing reasons, it is desired to develop a light-emitting material having an excellent light emission capacity and durability for developing an organic EL device which has a high light emission brightness and can perform a light emission for a long period of time.

[0008] It is an object of the present invention to provide an organic EL device having a high light emission brightness and a long life of light emission.

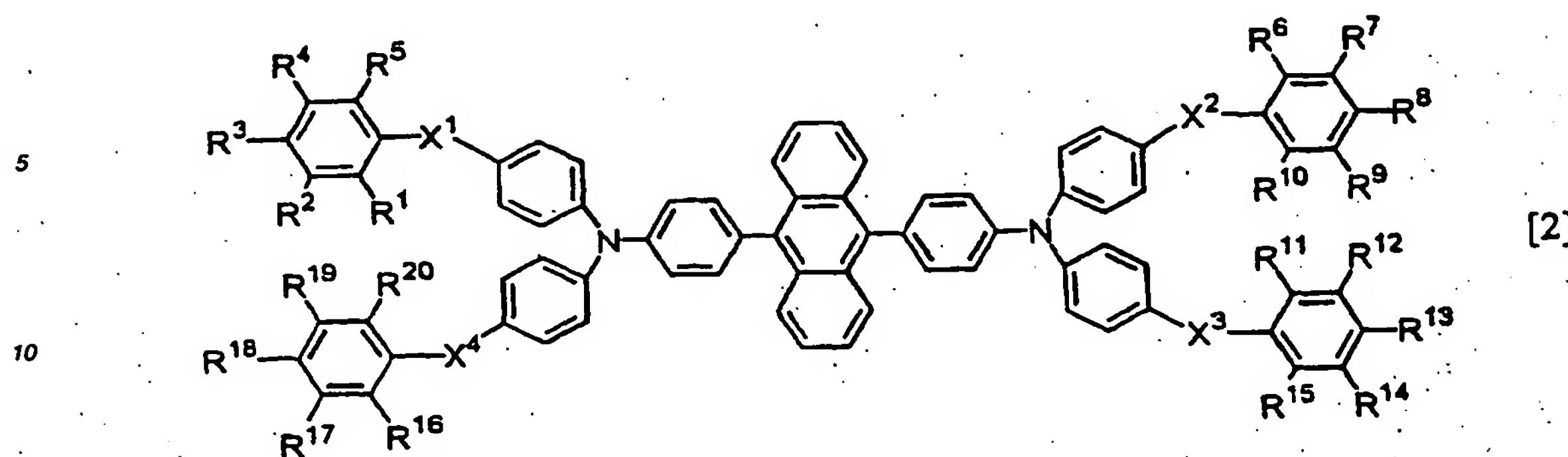
40 [0009] According to the present invention, there is provided a compound suitable for use in an electroluminescence device, which compound has the formula [1].



[1]

45 wherein A to D are the same or different and each is a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted monocyclic group or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic group, or A and B and/or C and D, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring.

50 [0010] According to the present invention, further, there is provided a compound suitable for use in an electroluminescence device, which compound has the formula [2].



wherein R¹ to R²⁰ are the same or different and each is:

- a hydrogen atom;
- a halogen atom;
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group;
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group;
- a substituted or unsubstituted amino group;
- a substituted or unsubstituted monocyclic group; or
- a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic group,

or, together with an adjacent substituent, forms a saturated or unsaturated ring, and X¹ to X⁴ are the same or different and each is:

- a direct bond;
- O;
- S;
- C=O;
- SO₂;
- (CH₂)_v-O-(CH₂)_w or (CH₂)_x-S-(CH₂)_y, wherein v, w, x and y are the same or different and each is an integer of 0 to 20 provided that neither x + y nor v + w is 0;
- P;
- P=O;
- SiR²¹(R²²) or NHR²³, wherein R²¹ to R²³, which may be the same or different, have the same meanings as R¹ to R²⁰ above,
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group; or
- a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic ring residue.

[0011] Further, according to the present invention, there is provided an electroluminescence device containing, as light-emitting material, a compound of the invention.

[0012] Fig. 1 is an infrared absorption spectrum of Compound (5).

[0013] Fig. 2 is an infrared absorption spectrum of Compound (6).

[0014] Fig. 3 is an infrared absorption spectrum of Compound (7).

[0015] Typically, in the formula [1], each of A to D is a substituted or unsubstituted monocyclic group.

[0016] In the definitions of A to D in the formula [1] or in the definitions in the formula [2], the alkyl group includes linear or branched alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl and stearyl.

[0017] In the definitions in the formula [2], the alkylene includes linear or branched alkylene groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms such as methylene, ethylene, propylene, butylene, sec-butylene, tert-butylene, pentylene, hexylene, heptylene, octylene and stearylene.

[0018] In the definitions of A to D in the formula [1] or in the definitions in the formula [2], the monocyclic group includes a monocyclic cycloalkyl group, a monocyclic aryl group and a monocyclic heterocyclic ring group.

[0019] The monocyclic cycloalkyl group includes cycloalkyl groups having 4 to 8 carbon atoms such as cyclobutyl,

cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl and cyclooctyl.

[0020] The monocyclic aryl group includes phenyl.

[0021] The monocyclic heterocyclic ring group includes thionyl, thiophenyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, pyridiazinyl, oxazolyl, thizolyl, oxadiazolyl and thiadiazolyl.

5 [0022] In the definitions of A to D in the formula [1] or in the definitions in the formula [2], the fused polycyclic group includes a fused polycyclic aryl group and a fused polycyclic heterocyclic group and a fused cycloalkyl group.

[0023] The fused polycyclic aryl group includes naphthyl, anthranyl, phenanthrenyl, fluorenyl, acenaphthyl, azulenyl, heptanenyl, acenaphthylenyl and pyrenyl.

10 [0024] The fused polycyclic heterocyclic ring includes indolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthrazinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, carbozolyl, acridinyl, phenazinyl, furfuryl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl, phenoazinyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl and benzoimidazolyl.

15 [0025] Examples of the substituent on the above alkyl, the above monocyclic group, the above fused polycyclic group or the heterocyclic ring which is formed by the combination of A and B or the combination of C and D and includes a nitrogen atom which bonds to an adjacent benzene ring, and R¹ and R²⁰ in the formula [2] are as follows.

[0026] Halogen atoms such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

[0027] Substituted or nonsubstituted alkyl groups such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, stearyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclohexyl, 1,3-cyclohexadienyl, 2-cyclopenten-1-yl, 2,4-cyclopentadien-1-ylidenyl, benzyl, dimethylbenzyl and di(trifluoromethyl)benzyl.

20 [0028] Substituted or nonsubstituted alkoxy groups such as methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, n-butoxy, tert-butoxy, pentyloxy, hexyloxy, stearyloxy and trifluoromethoxy.

[0029] Substituted or nonsubstituted thioalkoxy groups such as methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, butylthio, sec-butylthio, tert-butylthio, pentylthio, hexylthio, heptylthio and octylthio.

25 [0030] Mono- or di-substituted amino groups such as methylamino, diethylamino, ethylamino, diethylamino, dipropylamino, dibutylamino, phenylmethylamino, diphenylamino, ditolylamino, dibenzylamino, bis(acetoxyethyl)amino, bis(acetoxyethylamino) and bis(acetoxypropylamino).

[0031] Substituted or nonsubstituted aryloxy groups such as phenoxy, p-tert-butylphenoxy and 4-methylphenoxy.

[0032] Substituted or nonsubstituted arylthio groups such as phenylthio and 4-methylphenylthio.

30 [0033] Substituted or nonsubstituted aryl groups such as phenyl, biphenyl, terphenyl, 4-methylthiphenyl, 3,5-dicyanophenyl, o-, m- or p-tolyl, xylyl, benzylphenyl, dimethylbenzylphenyl, o-, m- or p-cumenyl, mesityl, pentalenyl, indenyl, naphthyl, azulenyl, heptalenyl, acenaphthylenyl, phenanthrenyl, fluorenyl, anthryl, anthraquinolyl, 3-methylanthryl, triphenylenyl, pyrenyl, chrysanyl, picenyl, perylenyl, pentaphenyl, pentacenyl, tetraphenylenyl, hexaphenyl, hexacenyl, rubicenyl, coronenyl, trinaphthylenyl, heptaphenyl, heptacenyl, pyranthrenyl and ovalenyl.

35 [0034] Substituted or nonsubstituted heterocyclic ring groups such as thionyl, thiphenyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, pyridiazinyl, isoindolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthiazinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, carbozolyl, acridinyl, phenazinyl, furfuryl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl, phenoazinyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoimidazolyl, 2-methylpyridyl, 3-cyanopyridyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl and imidazolyl.

40 [0035] The compound of the formula [1] or [2], which has a substituent having an aromatic ring or which has substituents forming an aromatic ring, has a high glass transition temperature and a high melting point, and it therefore gives an organic EL device having a high light emission brightness when used as a light-emitting material for an organic EL device, and has an advantage in the durability against the deterioration of the device under Joule's heat when the organic EL device is used for light emission for a long period of time.

[0036] The compound of the formula [1] or [2], provided by the present invention, is synthesized, for example, by the following method.

45 [0037] 9,10-Bis(4-halogenophenyl)anthracene and a diamine derivative which may have a substituent, or 9,10-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthracene and a halogenated derivative which may have a substituent are allowed to react in a solvent in the presence of a base and a catalyst. The above anthracene derivative may be replaced with an anthraquinone derivative. The base is selected from potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate, potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide or aqueous ammonia. The catalyst is selected from a copper powder, cuprous chloride, tin, stannous chloride, pyridine, aluminum trichloride or titanium tetrachloride. The solvent is selected from any solvents having high boiling points such as nitrobenzene, dimethylformamide, 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone, benzene, toluene and xylene.

50 [0038] The following Table 1 specifically shows typical examples of the compound of the present invention, while the present invention shall not be limited to these compounds.

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(1)	<p>Chemical structure of compound (1): A triphenylamine derivative with two $n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9$ groups attached to the nitrogen atom.</p>
(2)	<p>Chemical structure of compound (2): A triphenylamine derivative with two C_2H_5 groups attached to the nitrogen atom.</p>
(3)	<p>Chemical structure of compound (3): A triphenylamine derivative with two $\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$ groups attached to the nitrogen atom.</p>
(4)	<p>Chemical structure of compound (4): A triphenylamine derivative with two $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$ groups attached to the nitrogen atom.</p>

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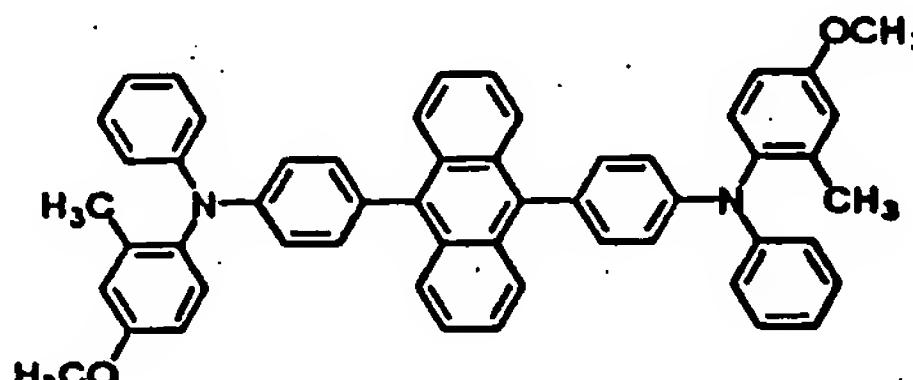
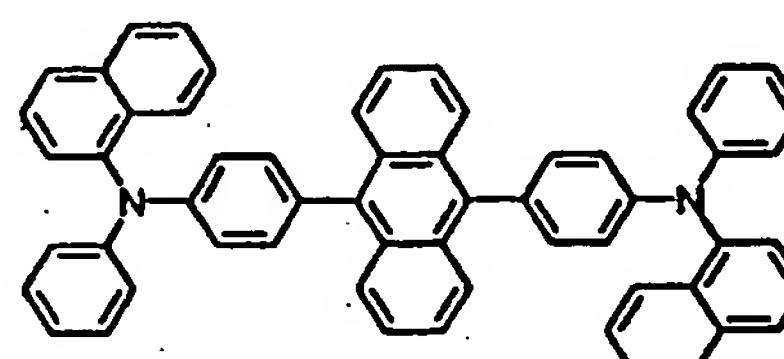
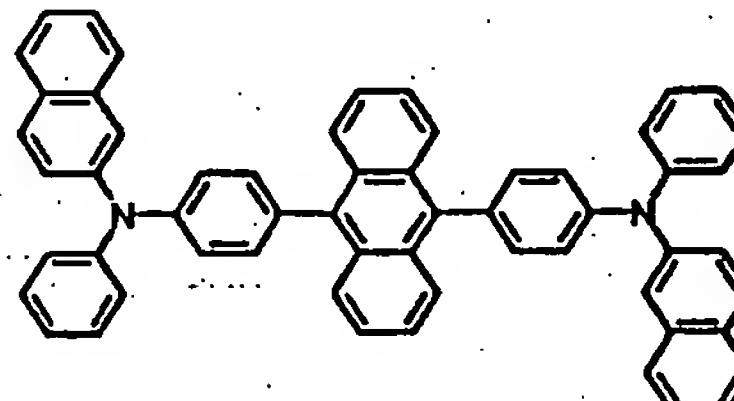
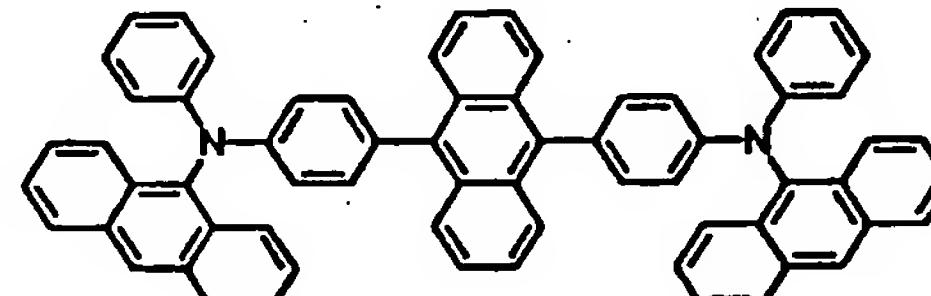
Compound	Chemical structure
(9)	 <p>Chemical structure of compound (9): A triphenylamine derivative with a central triphenylmethyl group. It has two N-phenyl groups and one N-(4-methoxyphenyl) group.</p>
(10)	 <p>Chemical structure of compound (10): A triphenylamine derivative with a central triphenylmethyl group. It has two N-phenyl groups and one N-(4-phenylphenyl) group.</p>
(11)	 <p>Chemical structure of compound (11): A triphenylamine derivative with a central triphenylmethyl group. It has two N-phenyl groups and one N-(4-phenylphenyl) group.</p>
(12)	 <p>Chemical structure of compound (12): A triphenylamine derivative with a central triphenylmethyl group. It has two N-phenyl groups and one N-(4-phenylphenyl) group.</p>

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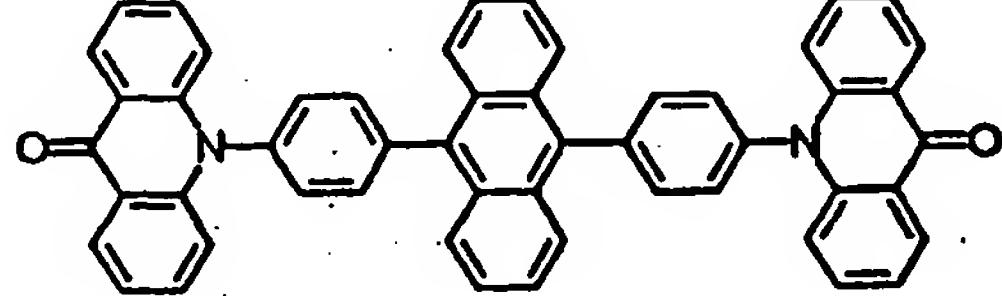
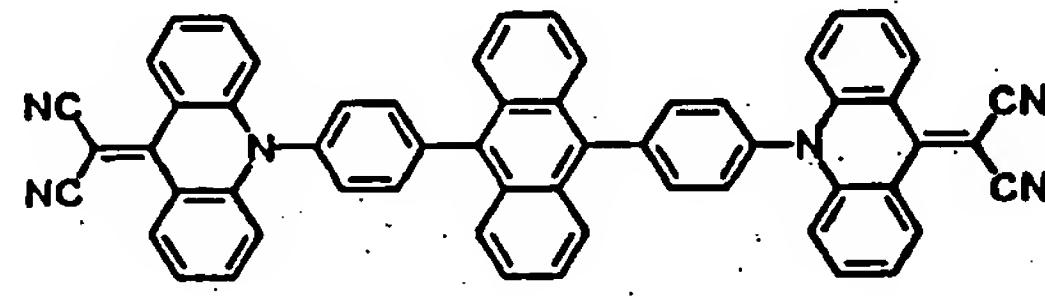
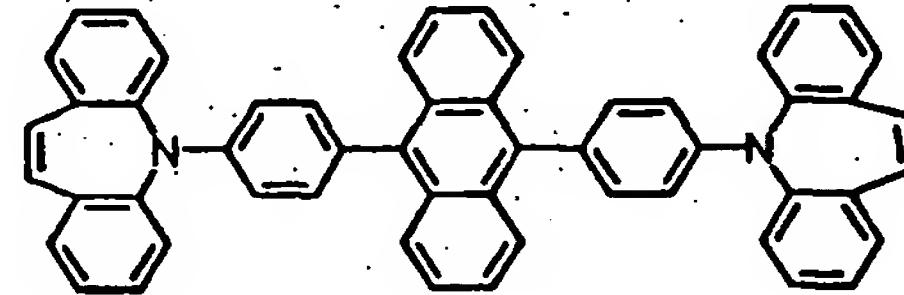
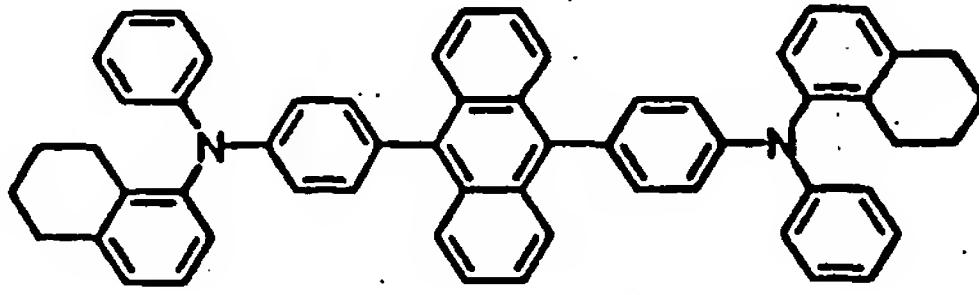
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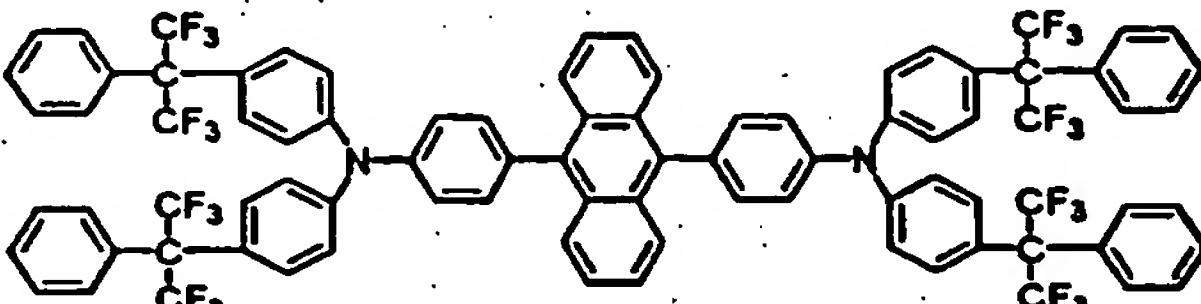
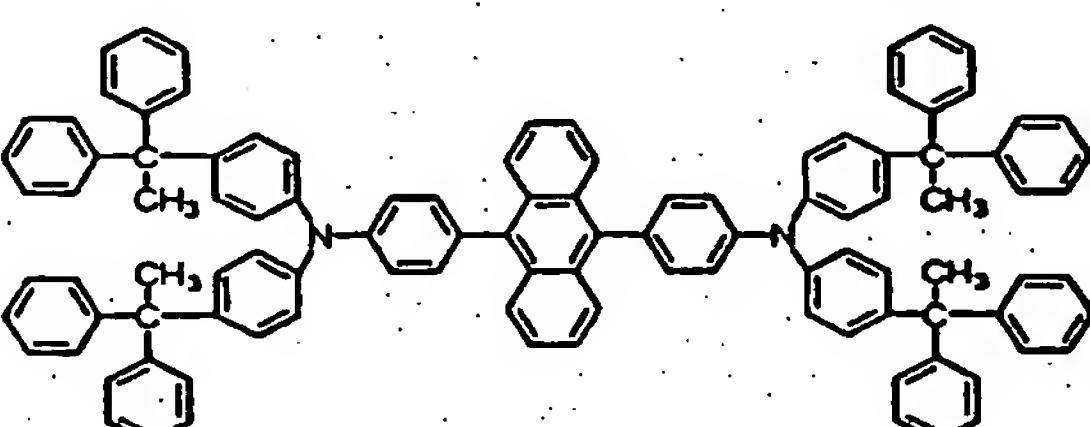
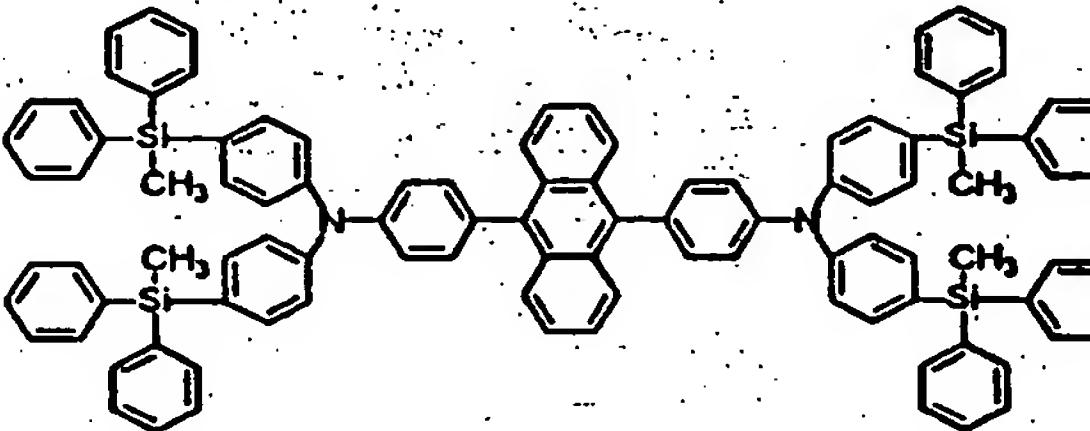
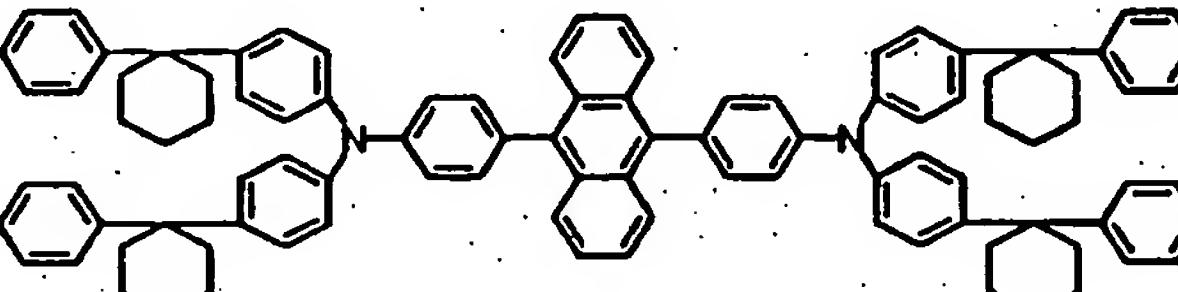
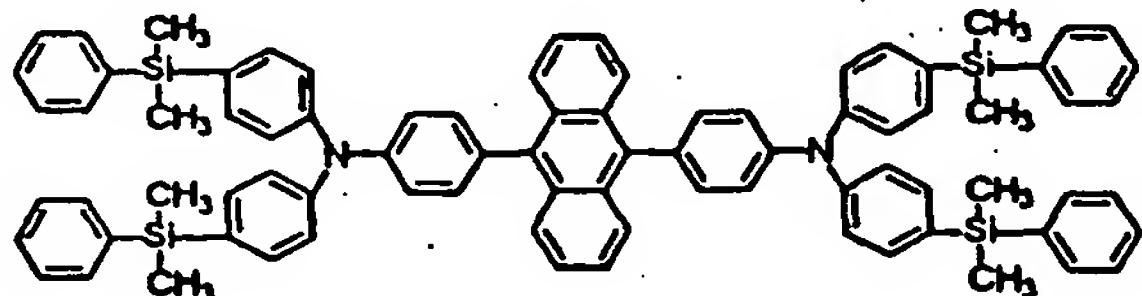
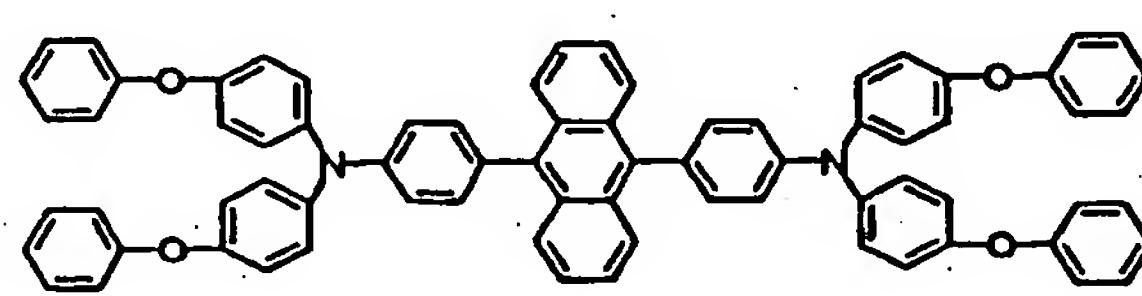
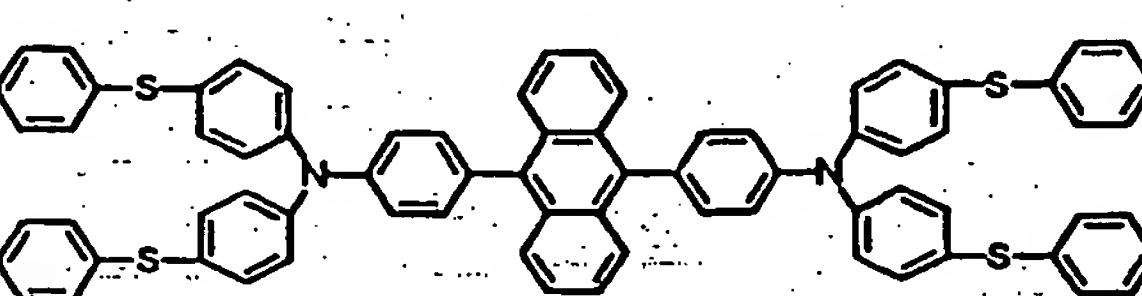
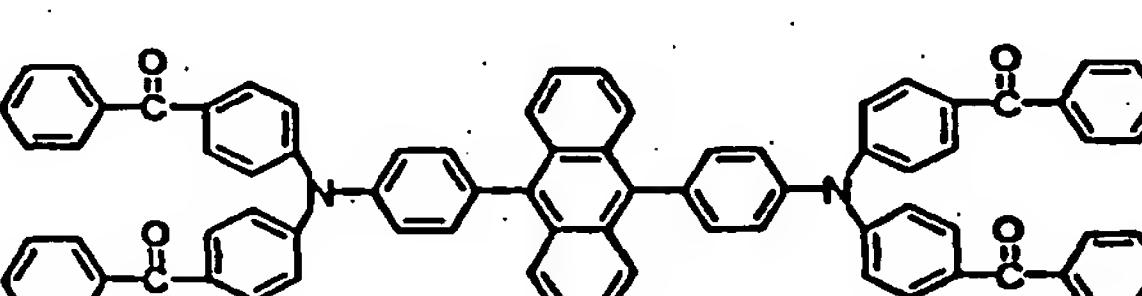
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[0039] The compound of the formula [1] or [2] in the present invention does not show much decrease in light emission density in a solid state, and it is stable when a field is applied. It is therefore excellent as a light-emitting material for a field-emission type device. Further, the compound of the formula [1] or [2] is highly capable of receiving holes, and therefore, it can be also used as a hole-transporting type light-emitting material. Further, the light-emitting layer formed of the compound of the formula [1] or [2] may contain other hole-injecting material, electron-injecting material, light-emitting material or dopant.

[0040] The organic EL device has a structure in which a mono- or multi-layered organic thin film is formed between an anode and a cathode. In a mono-layered device, a light-emitting layer is formed between the anode and the cathode. The light-emitting layer contains a light-emitting material, and in addition thereto, it may contain a hole-transporting material for transporting holes injected from the anode to the light-emitting material, or an electron-transporting material

for transporting electrons injected from the cathode to the light-emitting material. In a multi-layered device, the organic EL device has one of laminated-layer structures, for example, of (anode/hole-injecting layer/light-emitting layer/cathode), (anode/light-emitting layer/electron-injecting layer/cathode) and (anode/hole-injecting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-injecting layer/cathode). The compound of the formula [1] or [2] can be used as an effective light-emitting material in the light-emitting layer. Typically, therefore, the electroluminescence device of the invention comprises an anode and a cathode and, therebetween, a light-emitting layer or a plurality of thin organic compound layers including a light-emitting layer, wherein the light-emitting layer comprises a compound according to the invention.

[0041] The light-emitting layer may contain other light-emitting material, a dopant, a hole-injecting material and an electron-injecting material as required in addition to the compound of the formula [1] or [2]. The above multi-layer structure of the organic EL device can serve to prevent quenching-induced decreases in the brightness and the device life. In the above multi-layered device, a light-emitting material, a dopant, a hole-transporting material for transporting a carrier and an electron-transporting material may be used in combination as required. Further, some dopants improve the device in light emission brightness and light emission efficiency and serve to give the light emission in a color of from blue to red. Further, each of the hole-injecting layer, the light-emitting layer and the electron-injecting layer may have the structure of at least two layers.

[0042] The electrically conductive material used for the anode of the organic EL device is suitably selected from those materials having a work function of greater than 4 eV. This electrically conductive material includes carbon, aluminum, vanadium, iron, cobalt, nickel, tungsten, silver, gold, platinum, palladium, alloys of these, metal oxides such as tin oxide and indium oxide used for ITO substrates or NESA substrates, and organic electrically conductive resins such as polythiophene and polypyrrole.

[0043] The electrically conductive material used for the cathode is suitably selected from those having a work function of smaller than 4 eV. This electrically conductive material includes magnesium, calcium, tin, lead, titanium, yttrium, lithium, ruthenium, manganese, and alloys of these. Typical examples of the alloys include magnesium/silver, magnesium/indium and lithium/aluminum, while the alloys shall not be limited to these. Each of the anode and the cathode may be formed of two layers or more as required.

[0044] For the effective light emission of the organic EL device, at least one of the electrodes is desirably transparent in the light emission wavelength region of the device. Further, the substrate is desirably transparent. The transparent electrode is produced from the above electrically conductive material by a deposition method or a sputtering method such that a predetermined transparency is secured. The electrode which forms a light emission surface preferably has a light transmittance of at least 10 %. The substrate is not specially limited if it has adequate mechanical and thermal strength and is transparent. For example, it is selected from glass substrates and substrates of transparent resins such as a polyethylene substrate, a polyethylene terephthalate substrate, a polyether sulfone substrate and a polypropylene substrate.

[0045] Each of the layers forming the organic EL device of the present invention can be formed by any one of dry film forming methods such as a vacuum deposition method, a sputtering method, a plasma method and an ion plating method and wet film forming methods such as a spin coating method, a dipping method and a flow coating method. The thickness of each layer is not specially limited, while each layer is required to have a proper thickness. When the layer thickness is too large, inefficiently, a high voltage is required to achieve predetermined emission of light. When the layer thickness is too small, the layer is liable to have a pinhole, etc., so that sufficient light emission brightness is hard to obtain when an electric field is applied. Generally, the thickness of each layer is preferably in the range of from 5 nm to 10 µm, more preferably 10 nm to 0.2 µm.

[0046] In the wet film forming method, a material for forming an intended layer is dissolved or dispersed in a proper solvent, and a thin film is formed from the solution or dispersion. The solvent is selected from ethanol, chloroform, tetrahydrofuran and dioxane, while the solvent shall not be limited to these. For improving the film formability and preventing the occurrence of pinholes, the above solution or dispersion for forming the layer may contain a proper resin and a proper additive. The resin suitable for use in the present invention includes insulating resins such as polystyrene, polycarbonate, polyarylate, polyester, polyamide, polyurethane, polysulfone, polymethyl methacrylate; polymethyl acrylate and cellulose, copolymers of these, photoconductive resins such as poly-N-vinylcarbazole and polysilane, and electrically conductive resins such as polythiophene and polypyrrole. The above additive includes an antioxidant, an ultraviolet absorbent and a plasticizer.

[0047] Typically, the organic electroluminescence device of the invention further comprises, between the light-emitting layer and the anode, a layer comprising a hole-injecting material. Further, the device may further comprise, between the light-emitting layer and the cathode, a layer comprising an electron-injecting material.

[0048] The electron injecting layer may contain a known light-emitting material, a known dopant, a known hole-injecting material or a known electron-injecting material.

[0049] The light-emitting material or the dopant which may be used in the light-emitting layer together with the compound of the formula [1] or [2] includes anthracene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, pyrene, tetracene, coronene, chrysene, fluorescein, perylene, phthaloperylene, naphthaloperylene, perinone, naphthaloperinone, diphenylbutadiene,

tetraphenylbutadiene, coumarine, oxadiazole, aldazine, bisbenzoxazoline, bisstyryl, pyrazine, cyclopentadiene, quinoline metal complex, aminoquinoline metal complex, benzoquinoline metal complex, imine, diphenylethylene, vinyl anthracene, diaminocarbazole, pyran, thiopyran, polymethine, merocyanine, an imidazole-chelated oxynoid compound, quinacridone, rubrene, benzidine type triphenylamine, styrylamine type triphenylamine, diamine type triphenylamine and known fluorescent dyestuffs, although the above material shall not be limited to these.

[0050] The hole-injecting material is selected from compounds which are capable of transporting holes, have an effect on receiving holes from the anode, have an excellent effect of injecting holes to the light-emitting layer or the light-emitting material, prevent the movement of excitons generated in the light-emitting layer to the electron-injecting layer or the electron-injecting material and have the excellent capability of forming a thin film. Specific examples of the above hole-injecting material include a phthalocyanine derivative, a naphthalocyanine derivative, a porphyrin derivative, oxazole, oxadiazole, triazole, imidazole, imidazolone, imidazothione, pyrazoline, pyrazolone, tetrahydroimidazole, oxazole, oxadiazole, hydrazone, acylhydrazone, polyarylalkane, stilbene, butadiene, benzidine type triphenylamine, styrylamine type triphenylamine, diamine type triphenylamine, derivatives of these, and polymer materials such as polyvinylcarbazole, polysilane and an electrically conductive polymer. However, the hole-transporting material shall not be limited to the above materials.

[0051] In the organic EL device of the present invention, the hole-injecting material which is more effective is an aromatic tertiary amine derivative or a phthalocyanine derivative. Although not specially limited, specific examples of the tertiary amine derivative include triphenylamine, tritylamine, tolyldiphenylamine, N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-(3-methylphenyl)-1,1-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine, N,N-N',N'-(4-methylphenyl)-1,1'-phenyl-4,4'-diamine, N,N-N',N'-(4-methylphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine, N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-dinaphthyl-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine, N,N'-(methylphenyl)-N,N'-(4-n-butylphenyl)-phenanthrene-9,10-diamine, N,N-bis(4-di-4-tolylaminophenyl)-4-phenyl-cyclohexane, and origomers or polymers having aromatic tertiary amine structures of these. Although no specially limited, specific examples of the phthalocyanine (Pc) derivative include phthalocyanine derivatives or naphthalocyanine derivatives such as H₂Pc, CuPc, CoPc, NiPc, ZnPc, PdPc, FePc, MnPc, ClAlPc, ClGaPc, ClInPc, ClSnPc, Cl₂SiPc, (HO)AlPc, (HO)GaPc, VOPc, TiOPc, MoOPc, and GaPc-O-GaPc.

[0052] The electron-injecting material is a material which is capable of transporting electrons, receiving electrons from the cathode, injecting electrons into the light-emitting layer or light-emitting material, preventing excitons generated in the light-emitting layer from moving into the hole-injecting layer and forming a thin film. Although not specially limited, examples of the electron-injecting material include fluorenone, anthraquinodimethane, diphenoxinone, thiopyran dioxide, oxazole, oxadiazole, triazole, imidazole, perylenetetracarboxylic acid, fluorenylidenemethane, anthraquinodimethane, anthrone, a metal complex and derivatives of these. The hole-injecting material may be sensitivity-increased by incorporating an electron-accepting material, and the electron-injecting material may be sensitivity-increased by incorporating an electron-donating material.

[0053] In the organic EL device of the present invention, the electron-injecting material which is more effective is a metal complex or a nitrogen-containing five-membered ring, or a derivative thereof. Although not specially limited, specific examples of the metal complex compound include lithium 8-hydroxyquinolinate, zinc bis(8-hydroxyquinolinate), copper bis(8-hydroxyquinolinate), manganese bis(8-hydroxyquinolinate), aluminum tris(8-hydroxyquinolinate), aluminum tris(2-methyl-8-hydroxyquinolinate), gallium tris(8-hydroxyquinolinate), beryllium bis(10-hydroxybenzo[h]quinolinate), zinc bis(10-hydroxybenzo[h]quinolinate), chlorogallium bis(2-methyl-8-quinolinate), gallium bis(2-methyl-8-quinolinate)(o-cresolate), aluminum bis(2-methyl-8-quinolinate)(1-naphtholate), and gallium bis(2-methyl-8-quinolinate)(2-naphtholate). The nitrogen-containing five-membered derivative is preferably oxazole, thiazole, thiadiazole, or a triazole derivative. Although not specially limited, specific examples of the above nitrogen-containing five-membered derivative include 2,5-bis(1-phenyl)-1,3,4-oxazole, dimethyl POPOP, 2,5-bis(1-phenyl)-1,3,4-thiazole, 2,5-bis(1-phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole, 2-(4'-tert-butylphenyl)-5-(4"-biphenyl)1,3,4-oxadiazole, 2,5-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,4-bis[2-(5-phenyloxadiazolyl)]benzene, 1,4-bis[2-(5-phenyloxadiazolyl)-4-tert-butylbenzene], 2-(4'-tert-butylphenyl)-5-(4"-biphenyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 2,5-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 1,4-bis[2-(5-phenylthiazolyl)]benzene, 2-(4'-tert-butylphenyl)-5-(4"-biphenyl)-1,3,4-triazole, 2,5-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,3,4-triazole and 1,4-bis[2-(5-phenyltriazolyl)]benzene.

[0054] In the organic EL device of the present invention, the layer containing the compound of the formula [1] or [2] may contain at least one of the light-emitting material, the dopant, the hole-injecting material and the electron-injecting material. For improving the organic EL device of the present invention in the durability against temperature, humidity and ambient atmosphere, a protective layer may be formed on the surface of the device, or the device as a whole may be sealed with a silicone oil, or the like.

[0055] As explained above, the present invention can increase the light emission efficiency and the light emission brightness owing to the use of the compound of the formula [1] or [2] in the organic EL device. Further, the organic EL device of the present invention is highly stable against heat and electric current and can provide a practically acceptable light emission brightness at a low drive voltage, and the device can be greatly improved with regard to the deterioration of the brightness, a large problem of a conventional device.

[0056] The organic EL device of the present invention has high industrial values since it can be adapted for a flat panel display of an on-wall television set, a flat light-emitting device, a light source for a copying machine or a printer, a light source for a liquid crystal display or counter, a display signboard and a signal light.

5 [0057] The material of the present invention can be used in the fields of an organic EL device, an electrophotographic photoreceptor, a photoelectric converter, a solar cell, an image sensor, and the like.

Examples

10 [0058] The present invention will be explained more in detail with reference to Examples hereinafter, in which "part" stands for "part by weight".

Synthesis Examples

Synthesis of Compound (3)

15 [0059] 7.9 Parts of 9,10-bis(4-bromophenyl)anthracene, 5.5 parts of N-phenylbenzylamine, 4 parts of potassium carbonate and 0.5 part of a copper powder were added to 30 parts of nitrobenzene, and the mixture was stirred in a nitrogen atmosphere at 205°C for 15 hours. Then, a formed brown solid wax extracted with toluene, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography, and the purified product was recrystallized from n-hexane to give 3.8 parts of a powder having the fluorescence of a yellowish green color. The powder was analyzed for a molecular weight to show that it was Compound (3).

20 [0060] The result of elemental analysis of the formed product was as follows.

Result of Elemental Analysis	
As C ₅₂ H ₄₀ N ₂	
Calculated (%)	C: 90.14, H: 5.82, N: 4.04
Found (%)	C: 90.26, H: 5.95, N: 3.79

Synthesis of Compound (5)

30 [0061] 18 Parts of 9,10-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthracene, 100 parts of iodobenzene, 0.5 part of cuprous chloride and 22 parts of potassium hydroxide were added to 100 parts of 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone, and the mixture was stirred at 205°C for 30 hours. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with 500 parts of water, a formed wax collected by filtration and washed with water. Then, the product was extracted with toluene, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to give 21 parts of a powder having the fluorescence of a blue color. The powder was analyzed for a molecular weight to show that it was Compound (5).

35 [0062] The result of elemental analysis of the formed product was as follows.

Result of Elemental Analysis	
As C ₅₀ H ₃₆ N ₂	
Calculated (%)	C: 90.37, H: 5.42, N: 4.21
Found (%)	C: 90.49, H: 5.53, N: 3.98

40 [0063] Fig. 1 shows the infrared absorption spectrum (KBr tablet method) of the above compound.

Synthesis of Compound (6)

50 [0064] 15 Parts of 9,10-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthracene, 150 parts of m-iodotoluene, 0.5 part of cuprous chloride and 20 parts of potassium hydroxide were added to 50 parts of 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone, and the mixture was stirred at 205°C for 30 hours. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with 500 parts of water, a formed wax collected by filtration and washed with water. Then, the product was extracted with toluene, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to give 25 parts of a powder having the fluorescence of a blue color. The powder was analyzed for a molecular weight to show that it was Compound (6).

55 [0065] The result of elemental analysis of the formed product was as follows.

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Result of Elemental Analysis	
As C ₅₄ H ₄₄ N ₂	
Calculated (%)	C: 89.96, H: 6.15, N: 3.89
Found (%)	C: 90.05, H: 6.21, N: 3.74

[0066] Fig. 2 shows the infrared absorption spectrum (KBr tablet method) of the above compound.

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Synthesis of Compound (7)

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[0067] 8.9 Parts of 9,10-bis(4-iodophenyl)anthracene, 5.9 parts of 4,4,-dimethyldiphenylamine, 4 parts of potassium carbonate and 0.5 part of a copper powder were added to 20 parts of nitrobenzene, and the mixture was stirred in a nitrogen atmosphere at 205°C for 10 hours. Then, a formed brown solid wax extracted with toluene, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography, and the purified product was recrystallized from n-hexane to give 3.5 parts of a powder having the fluorescence of a bluish green color. The powder was analyzed for a molecular weight to show that it was Compound (7).

[0068] The result of elemental analysis of the formed product was as follows.

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Result of Elemental Analysis	
As C ₅₄ H ₄₄ N ₂	
Calculated (%)	C: 89.96, H: 6.15, N: 3.89
Found (%)	C: 89.90, H: 6.23, N: 3.87

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[0069] Fig. 3 shows the infrared absorption spectrum (KBr tablet method) of the above compound.

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Synthesis of Compound (24)

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[0070] 8.9 Parts of 9,10-bis(4-iodophenyl)anthracene, 12.2 parts of 4,4,-diisopropyl(2-phenyl)diphenylamine, 4 parts of potassium carbonate and 0.5 part of a copper powder were added to 30 parts of nitrobenzene, and the mixture was stirred in a nitrogen atmosphere at 205°C for 15 hours. Then, a formed brown solid wax extracted with toluene, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography, and the purified product was recrystallized from n-hexane to give 4.8 parts of a powder having the fluorescence of a yellowish green color. The powder was analyzed for a molecular weight to show that it was Compound (24).

[0071] The result of elemental analysis of the formed product was as follows.

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Result of Elemental Analysis	
As C ₈₆ H ₇₆ N ₂	
Calculated (%)	C: 90.81, H: 6.73, N: 2.46
Found (%)	C: 90.95, H: 6.82, N: 2.77

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Example 1

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[0072] Compound (7), 2,5-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole and a polycarbonate resin (Panlite K-1300, supplied by Teijin Chemical Ltd.) in a Compound (7)/oxadiazole/polycarbonate resin weight ratio of 2/3/5 were dissolved in tetrahydrofuran, and the resultant solution was coated on a cleaned glass substrate with an ITO electrode by a spin coating method to form a light-emitting layer having a thickness of 100 nm. An electrode having a thickness of 150 nm was formed thereon from a magnesium/silver alloy having a magnesium/silver mixing ratio of 10/1, to obtain an organic EL device. The organic EL device showed a blue light emission having a brightness of 90 (cd/m²) at a direct current voltage of 5 V, a maximum light emission brightness of 7,500 (cd/m²) and a light emission efficiency of 0.7 (lm/W).

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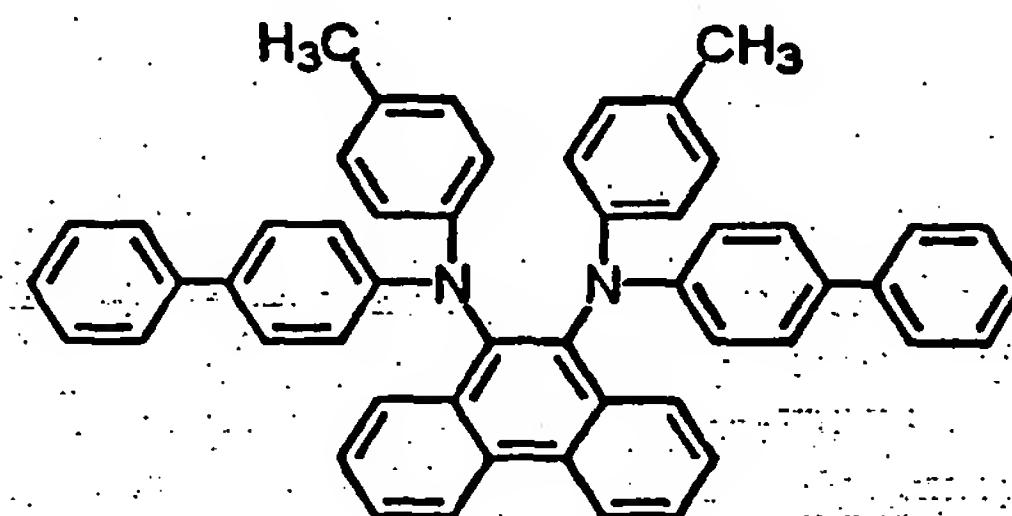
Example 2

[0073] Compound (9) was dissolved in methylene chloride, and the resultant solution was coated on a cleaned glass substrate with an ITO electrode by a spin coating method to form a light-emitting layer having a thickness of 50 nm.

Then, a tris(8-hydroxyquinolinate)aluminum complex (Alq₃) was vacuum-deposited on the light-emitting layer to form an electron-injecting layer having a thickness of 30 nm. An electrode having a thickness of 100 nm was formed thereon from a magnesium/silver alloy having a magnesium/silver mixing ratio of 10/1, to obtain an organic EL device. A hole-injecting layer and the light-emitting layer were deposited under vacuum at 1.33×10^{-4} Pa (10^{-6} Torr) at a substrate temperature of room temperature. The organic EL device showed a blue light emission having a brightness of 200 (cd/m²) at a direct current voltage of 5 V, a maximum light emission brightness of 13,000 (cd/m²) and a light emission efficiency of 1.2 (lm/W).

Example 3

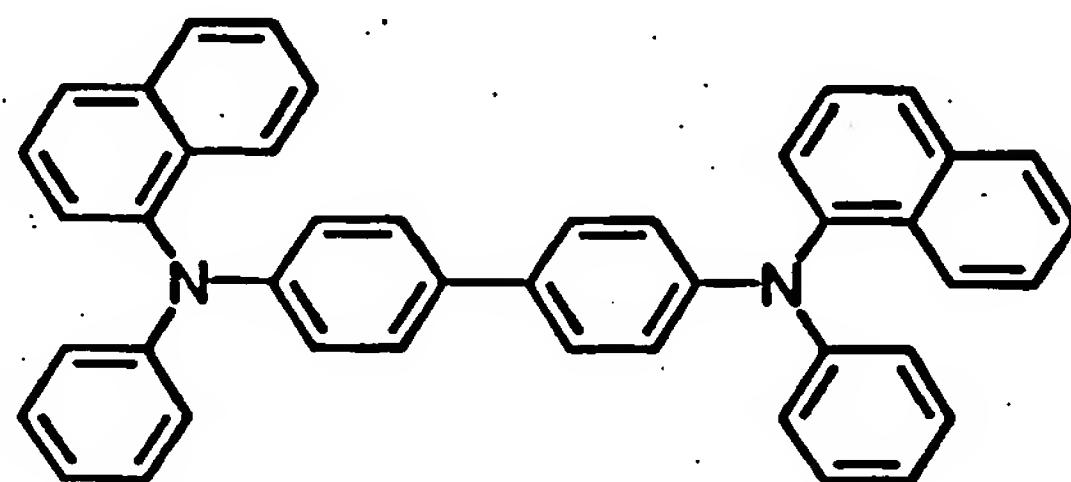
[0074] Compound (41) having the following chemical structure was vacuum-deposited on a cleaned glass plate with an ITO electrode to form a hole-injecting layer having a thickness of 40 nm. Then, Compound (24) was vacuum-deposited to form a light-emitting layer having a thickness of 40 nm, and further, Alq₃ was vacuum-deposited to form an electron-injecting layer having a thickness of 40 nm. An electrode having a thickness of 100 nm was formed thereon from a magnesium/silver alloy having a magnesium/silver mixing ratio of 10/1, to obtain an organic EL device. Each layer was deposited under vacuum at 1.33×10^{-4} Pa (10^{-6} Torr) at a substrate temperature of room temperature. The organic EL device showed a blue light emission having a brightness of 380 (cd/m²) at a direct current voltage of 5 V, a maximum light emission brightness of 18,500 (cd/m²) and a light emission efficiency of 1.9 (lm/W).



Compound (41)

Examples 4 - 43

[0075] Compound (42) having the following chemical structure was vacuum-deposited on a cleaned glass substrate with an ITO electrode to form a hole-injecting layer having a thickness of 40 nm. Then, Compound shown in Table 2 as a light-emitting material was vacuum-deposited to form a light-emitting layer having a thickness of 40 nm. Further, Compound (43) having the following chemical structure was vacuum-deposited to form an electron-injecting layer having a thickness of 40 nm. An electrode having a thickness of 150 nm was formed thereon from a magnesium/silver alloy having a magnesium/silver mixing ratio of 10/1, to obtain an organic EL device. Each layer was deposited under vacuum at 10^{-6} Torr at a substrate temperature of room temperature. Table 2 shows the light emission characteristics of organic EL devices obtained in the above manner. Each value of light emission brightness was obtained at a direct current voltage of 5 V. All the organic EL devices obtained in these Examples showed blue light emission with a high light emission efficiency.



Compound (42)

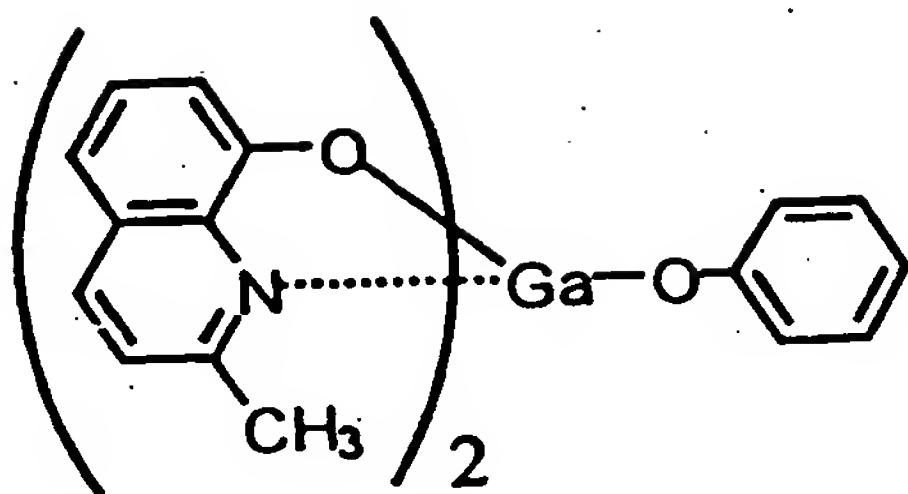


Table 2

Example	Compound	Light emission brightness (cd/m ²)	Maximum light emission brightness (cd/m ²)	Light emission efficiency (lm/W)
4	(1)	490	21,000	2.2
5	(2)	510	22,000	2.2
6	(3)	600	31,000	3.1
7	(4)	590	29,000	2.9
8	(5)	620	33,000	3.3
9	(6)	650	30,000	3.5
10	(7)	880	35,000	4.2
11	(8)	660	31,000	3.2
12	(9)	730	31,000	3.0
13	(10)	810	34,000	3.8
14	(11)	780	30,000	3.5
15	(12)	800	33,000	3.4
16	(13)	770	41,000	3.0
17	(14)	720	37,000	2.9
18	(15)	740	36,000	3.0
19	(16)	750	33,000	2.8
20	(17)	730	34,000	3.0
21	(18)	680	29,000	2.8
22	(19)	800	39,000	3.8
23	(20)	780	37,000	3.7
24	(21)	770	31,000	3.2
25	(22)	930	35,000	4.0
26	(23)	900	34,000	3.6
27	(24)	960	39,000	4.2
28	(25)	930	37,000	3.8
29	(26)	900	37,000	3.7
30	(27)	880	34,000	3.4
31	(28)	890	37,000	3.5

Comparative Example 1

[0080] Compound (42) was deposited on a cleaned glass substrate with an ITO electrode to form a hole-injecting layer having a thickness of 50 nm. Then, Alq₃ was vacuum-deposited to form a light-emitting layer having a thickness of 50 nm. An electrode having a thickness of 100 nm was formed thereon from a magnesium/silver alloy having a magnesium/silver mixing ratio of 10/1, to obtain an organic EL device. Each layer was deposited under vacuum at 1.33 x 10⁻⁴ Pa (10⁻⁶ Torr) at a substrate temperature of room temperature. The organic EL device showed a light emission having a brightness of 15 (cd/m²) at a direct current voltage of 5 V, a maximum light emission brightness of 12,000 (cd/m²) and a light emission efficiency of 1.1 (lm/W).

Comparative Example 2

[0081] Compound (42) was deposited on a cleaned glass substrate with an ITO electrode to form a hole-injecting layer having a thickness of 50 nm. Then, 9,10-diphenylanthracene was vacuum-deposited to form a light-emitting layer having a thickness of 50 nm. An electrode having a thickness of 100 nm was formed thereon from a magnesium/silver alloy having a magnesium/silver mixing ratio of 10/1, to obtain an organic EL device. Each layer was deposited under vacuum at 1.33 x 10⁻⁴ Pa (10⁻⁶ Torr) at a substrate temperature of room temperature. The organic EL device showed a blue light emission having a brightness of 2 (cd/m²) at a direct current voltage of 5 V, a maximum light emission brightness of 2,500 (cd/m²) and a light emission efficiency of 0.15 (lm/W). However, the light emission surface of the device had many dark spots, and the device had an extremely poor product quality as a light-emitting device.

Comparative Example 3

[0082] An organic EL device was obtained in the same manner as in Example 4 except that 9,10-diphenylanthracene was used in place as a light-emitting material. The organic EL device showed a blue light emission having a brightness of 60 (cd/m²) at a direct current voltage of 5 V, a maximum light emission brightness of 5,800 (cd/m²) and a light emission efficiency of 0.45 (lm/W). Like Comparative Example 2, however, the light emission surface of the device had many dark spots, and the device had an extremely poor product quality as a light-emitting device.

[0083] The organic EL devices obtained in Examples give a maximum light emission brightness of more than 10,000 (cd/m²) and a high light emission efficiency. When the organic EL devices obtained in the above Examples were allowed to continuously emit light at 3 mA/cm², all the organic EL devices emitted light having a brightness of more than 50 % of the initial brightness value for more than 1,000 hours. When the organic EL devices obtained in Comparative Examples were allowed to continuously emit light under the same conditions, the light emission brightness decreased to less than 50 % of the initial brightness value within 500 hours. The reason therefor is as follows. The light-emitting materials of the formulae [1] and [2] have a very high fluorescent quantum effect so that the devices for which these materials are adapted can perform light emission with a high brightness in a low voltage range and can have an improved device life. The organic EL device of the present invention achieves improvements in light emission efficiency and brightness, and accomplishes a longer device life, and shall not impose any limitation on light-emitting materials, dopants, hole-transporting materials, electron-transporting materials, sensitizers, resins and electrode materials used in combination with it, nor shall it impose any limitation on the method of producing the device.

[0084] The organic EL device for which the light-emitting material of the present invention is adapted shows blue light emission having a higher brightness with a higher light emission efficiency, and has a longer device life, than a conventional organic EL device.

[0085] In this specification, including the accompanying claims:

[0086] The heterocyclic ring formed by A and B and/or C and D can be a said monocyclic heterocyclic ring or a said polycyclic heterocyclic ring.

[0087] As used herein, a fused cycloalkyl group is typically a said monocyclic cycloalkyl group fused to another said monocyclic cycloalkyl group.

[0088] An alkoxy group is typically a said alkyl group linked to an oxygen atom.

[0089] An aliphatic ring residue is typically a residue from a said cycloalkyl group or a said fused cycloalkyl group.

[0090] A halogen is typically fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine.

[0091] Examples of substituents which may be carried by a substituted alkoxy group, alkylene group or aliphatic ring residue include those substituents discussed above as possible substituents for an alkyl group, monocyclic group, polycyclic group, or heterocyclic ring.

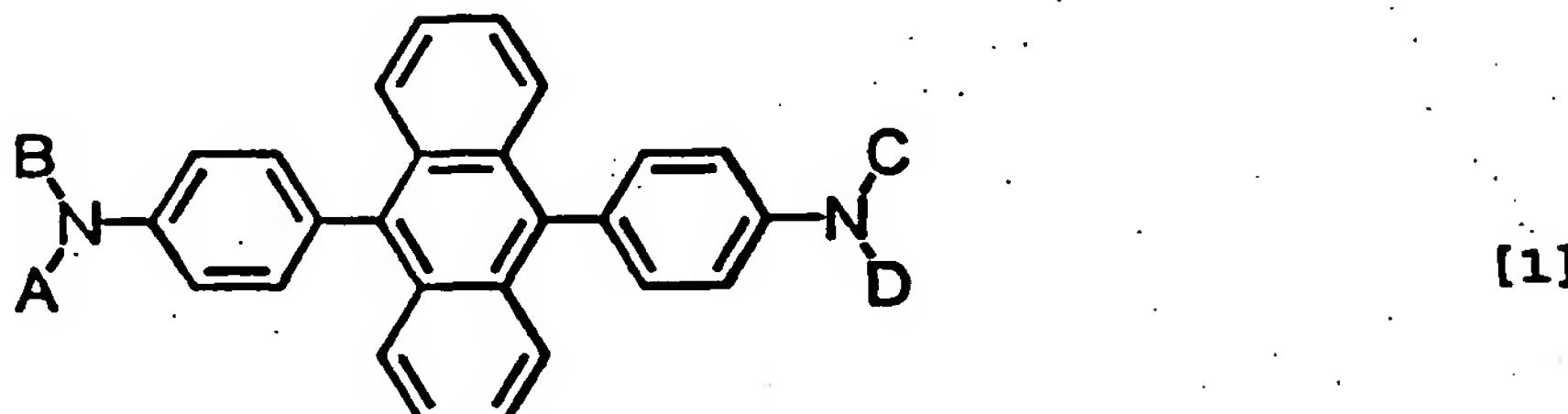
[0092] A substituted amino group is typically mono- or di-substituted by any of the substituents discussed above as possible substituents for an alkyl group, monocyclic group, polycyclic group or heterocyclic group, with the exception of halogen and mono- or di-substituted amino groups. It can also be, for example, a dibenzylamino, bis(acetoxyethyl)amino, bis(acetoxyethyl)amino or a bis(acetoxypropyl)amino group.

Claims

1. A compound suitable for use in an electroluminescence device, which compound has the formula [1],

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wherein A to D are the same or different and each is a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted monocyclic group or a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic group, or A and B and/or C and D, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring.

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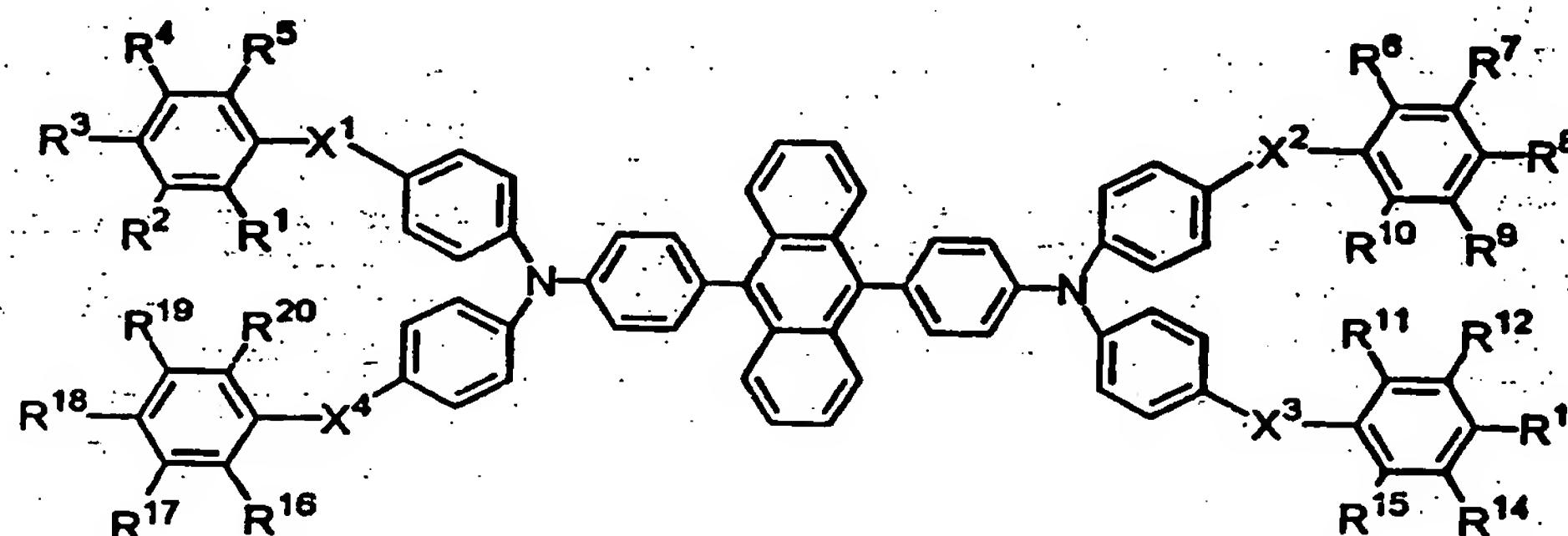
2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein each of A to D is a substituted or unsubstituted monocyclic group.

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3. A compound suitable for use in an electroluminescence device, which compound has the formula [2],

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wherein R¹ to R²⁰ are the same or different and each is:

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- a hydrogen atom;
- a halogen atom;
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group;
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group;
- a substituted or unsubstituted amino group;
- a substituted or unsubstituted monocyclic group; or
- a substituted or unsubstituted fused polycyclic group,

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or, together with an adjacent substituent, forms a saturated or unsaturated ring, and X¹ to X⁴ are the same or different and each is:

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- a direct bond;
- O;
- S;
- C=O;
- SO₂;
- (CH₂)_v-O-(CH₂)_w or (CH₂)_x-S-(CH₂)_y, wherein v, w, x and y are the same or different and each is an integer of 0 to 20 provided that neither x + y nor v + w is 0;

- P;
- P=O;
- SiR²¹(R²²) or NHR²³, wherein R²¹ to R²³, which may be the same or different, have the same meanings as R¹ to R²⁰ above,
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group; or
- a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic ring residue.

5 4. An electroluminescence device containing, as light-emitting material, a compound according to any one of the preceding claims.

10 5. A device according to claim 4 comprising an anode and a cathode and, therebetween, a light-emitting layer or a plurality of thin organic compound layers including a light-emitting layer, wherein the light-emitting layer comprises a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3.

15 6. A device according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the device further comprises, between the light-emitting layer and the anode, a layer comprising a hole-injecting material.

20 7. A device according to claim 6, wherein the hole-injecting material is an aromatic tertiary amine or a derivative thereof, or a phthalocyanine or a derivative thereof.

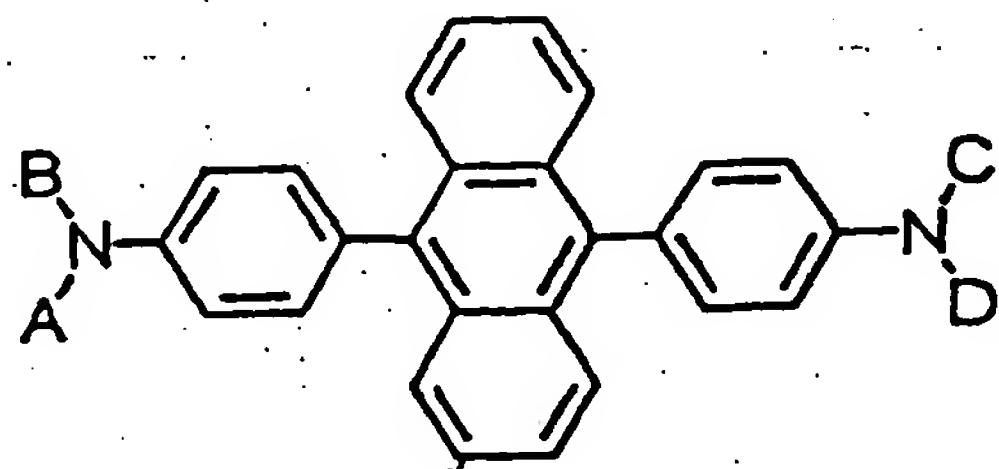
25 8. A device according to any one of claims 4 to 7, wherein the device further comprises, between the light-emitting layer and the cathode, a layer comprising an electron-injecting material.

30 9. A device according to claim 8, wherein the electron-injecting material is a metal complex or a nitrogen-containing five membered ring, or a derivative thereof.

35 10. A television set, light-emitting device, copying machine, printer, liquid crystal display, display signboard, electro-photographic photoreceptor, photoelectric converter, solar cell or image sensor containing an electroluminescence device according to any one of claims 4 to 9.

Patentansprüche

40 1. Verbindung, die sich zur Verwendung in einem Elektrolumineszenz-Element eignet, welche Verbindung die folgende Formel [1] aufweist,

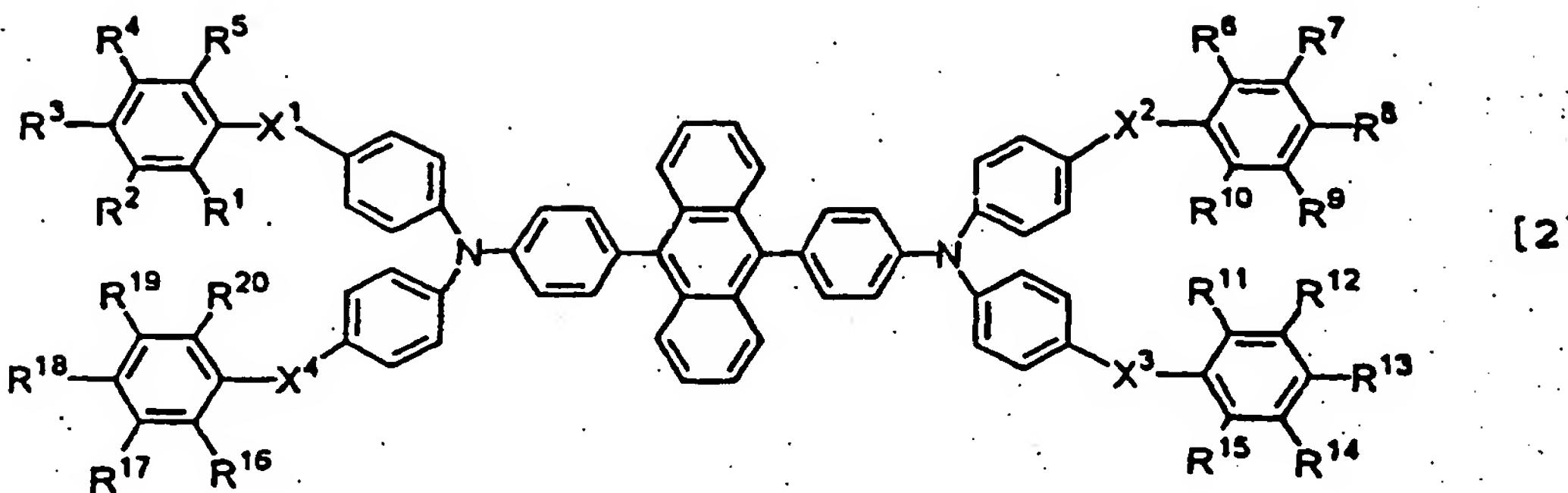


[1]

45 worin A bis D gleich oder verschieden sind und jedes eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte Alkylgruppe, eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte monocyclische Gruppe oder eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte verschmolzene polycyclische Gruppe ist, oder A und B und/oder C und D, zusammen mit dem Stickstoffatom, an das sie gebunden sind, einen substituierten oder unsubstituierten heterocyclischen Ring bilden.

50 2. Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, worin jedes von A bis D eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte monocyclische Gruppe ist.

55 3. Verbindung, die sich zur Verwendung in einem Elektrolumineszenz-Element eignet, welche Verbindung die folgende Formel [2] aufweist,



15 worin R¹ bis R²⁰ gleich oder verschieden sind und jedes ist:

- ein Wasserstoffatom;
- ein Halogenatom;
- eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte Alkylgruppe;
- eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte Alkoxygruppe;
- eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte Aminogruppe;
- eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte monocyclische Gruppe; oder
- eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte verschmolzene polycyclische Gruppe,

20 25 oder das, zusammen mit einem benachbarten Substituenten, einen gesättigten oder ungesättigten Ring bildet, und X¹ bis X⁴ gleich oder verschieden sind und jedes ist:

- eine direkte Bindung;
- O;
- S;
- C=O;
- SO₂;
- (CH₂)_v-O-(CH₂)_w oder (CH₂)_x-S-(CH₂)_y, worin v, w, x und y gleich oder verschieden sind und jedes eine ganze Zahl von 0 bis 20 ist, vorausgesetzt, dass weder x + y noch v + w gleich 0 ist;
- P;
- P=O;
- SiR²¹(R²²) oder NHR²³, worin R²¹ bis R²³, die gleich oder verschieden sein können, dieselben Bedeutungen wie obiges R¹ bis R²⁰ aufweisen;
- eine substituierte oder unsubstituierte Alkylengruppe; oder
- ein substituierter oder unsubstituierter aliphatischer Ring-Rest.

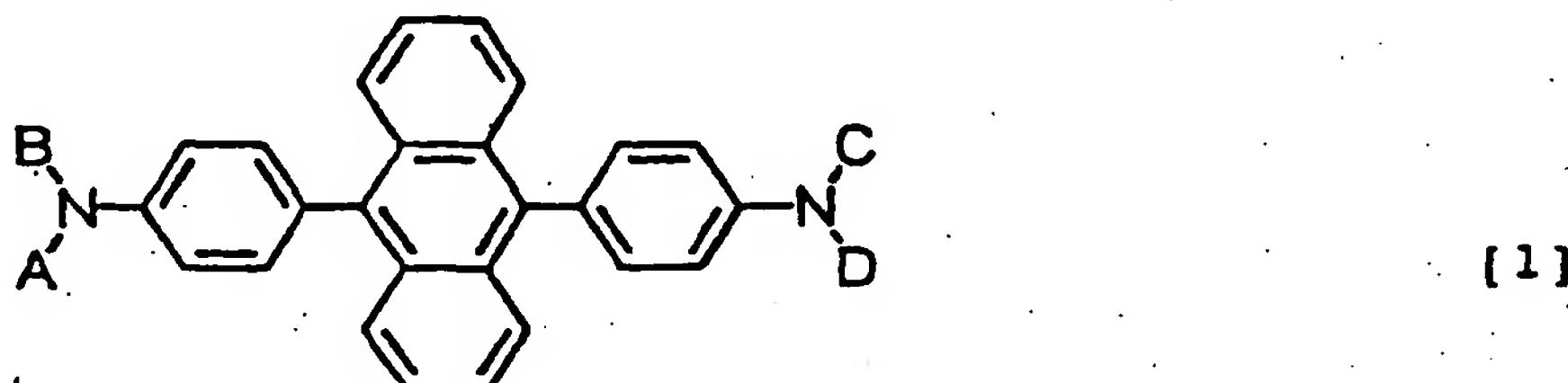
4. Elektrolumineszenz-Element, enthaltend, als lichtemittierendes Material, eine Verbindung nach einem der vorangehenden Ansprüche.
- 45 5. Element nach Anspruch 4, umfassend eine Anode und eine Kathode und, dazwischen, eine lichtemittierende Schicht oder eine Vielzahl von Dünnschichten aus einer organischen Verbindung einschließlich einer lichtemittierenden Schicht, wobei die lichtemittierende Schicht eine Verbindung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3 umfasst.
5. Element nach Anspruch 4 oder 5, worin das Element außerdem, zwischen der lichtemittierenden Schicht und der Anode, eine Schicht umfasst, die ein Löcherinjizierendes Material enthält.
7. Element nach Anspruch 6, worin das Löcher-injizierende Material ein aromatisches tertiäres Amin oder ein Derivat davon, oder ein Phthalocyanin oder ein Derivat davon, umfasst.
- 55 8. Element nach einem der Ansprüche 4 bis 7, worin das Element außerdem, zwischen der lichtemittierenden Schicht und der Kathode, eine Schicht umfasst, die ein Elektronen-injizierendes Material enthält.
9. Element nach Anspruch 8, worin das Elektronen-injizierende Material ein Metallkomplex oder ein Stickstoff-haltiger

fünfgliedriger Ring oder ein Derivat davon ist.

5 10. Fernsehgerät, lichtemittierendes Element, Kopiergerät, Drucker, Flüssigkristallanzeige, Anzeigentafel, elektrophotographischer Photorezeptor, photoelektrischer Konverter, Solarzelle oder Bildsensor, enthaltend ein Elektrolumineszenz-Element nach einem der Ansprüche 4 bis 9.

Revendications

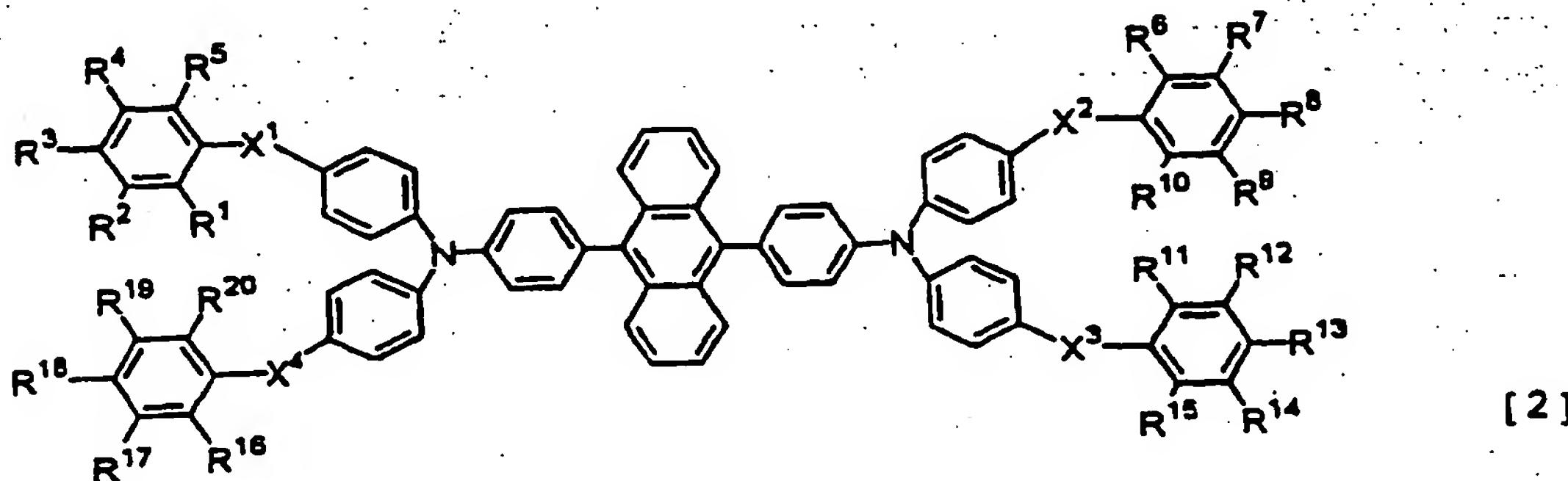
10 1. Composé adapté pour être utilisé dans un dispositif à électroluminescence, lequel composé a la formule [1]



25 dans laquelle A à D sont identiques ou différents et chacun est un groupe alkyle substitué ou non substitué, un groupe monocyclique substitué ou non substitué ou un groupe polycyclique condensé substitué ou non substitué, ou A et B et/ou C et D, associés à l'atome d'azote auquel ils sont reliés, forment un cycle hétérocyclique substitué ou non substitué.

30 2. Composé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel chacun parmi A à D est un groupe monocyclique substitué ou non substitué.

3. Composé adapté pour être utilisé dans un dispositif à électroluminescence, lequel composé a la formule [2],



dans laquelle R¹ à R²⁰ sont les mêmes ou différents et chacun est :

- un atome d'hydrogène,
- un atome d'halogène,
- 50 - un groupe alkyle substitué ou non substitué,
- un groupe alkoxy substitué ou non substitué,
- un groupe amino substitué ou non substitué,
- un groupe monocyclique substitué ou non substitué, ou
- un groupe polycyclique condensé substitué ou non substitué,

55 ou, associé à un substituant adjacent, forme un cycle saturé ou insaturé, et X¹ à X⁴ sont identiques ou différents et chacun est :

- une liaison directe
- O,
- S,
- C=O;
- SO₂,
- (CH₂)_v-O-(CH₂)_w ou (CH₂)_x-S-(CH₂)_y, dans lesquelles v, w, x et y sont identiques ou différents et chacun est un nombre entier de 0 à 20 pourvu que ni x + y ni v + w ne soit égal à 0,
- P,
- P=O,
- SiR²¹(R²²) ou NHR²³, dans lesquels R²¹ à R²³, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, ont les mêmes significations que R¹ à R²⁰ ci-dessus,
- un groupe alkylène substitué ou non substitué, ou
- un résidu de cycle aliphatique substitué ou non substitué.

15 4. Dispositif à électroluminescence contenant, en tant que matériau émetteur de lumière, un composé selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes.

5. Dispositif selon la revendication 4, comportant une anode et une cathode et, entre celles-ci, une couche émettrice de lumière ou une pluralité de couches minces de composés organiques incluant une couche émettrice de lumière, dans lequel la couche émettrice de lumière comporte un composé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3.

20 6. Dispositif selon la revendication 4 ou 5, dans lequel le dispositif comporte en outre, entre la couche émettrice de lumière et l'anode, une couche comportant un matériau d'injection de trous.

7. Dispositif selon la revendication 6, dans lequel le matériau d'injection de trous est une amine tertiaire aromatique ou un dérivé de celle-ci, ou une phtalocyanine ou un dérivé de celle-ci.

25 8. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 4 à 7, dans lequel le dispositif comporte en outre, entre la couche émettrice de lumière et la cathode, une couche comportant un matériau d'injection d'électrons.

30 9. Dispositif selon la revendication 8, dans lequel le matériau d'injection d'électrons est un complexe métallique ou un cycle à cinq éléments contenant de l'azote, ou un dérivé de ceux-ci.

10. Poste de télévision, dispositif émetteur de lumière, copieur, imprimante, affichage à cristaux liquides, tableau indicateur, photorécepteur électrophotographique, convertisseur photoélectrique, cellule solaire ou détecteur d'image contenant un dispositif à électroluminescence selon l'une quelconque des revendications 4 à 9.

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FIG. 1

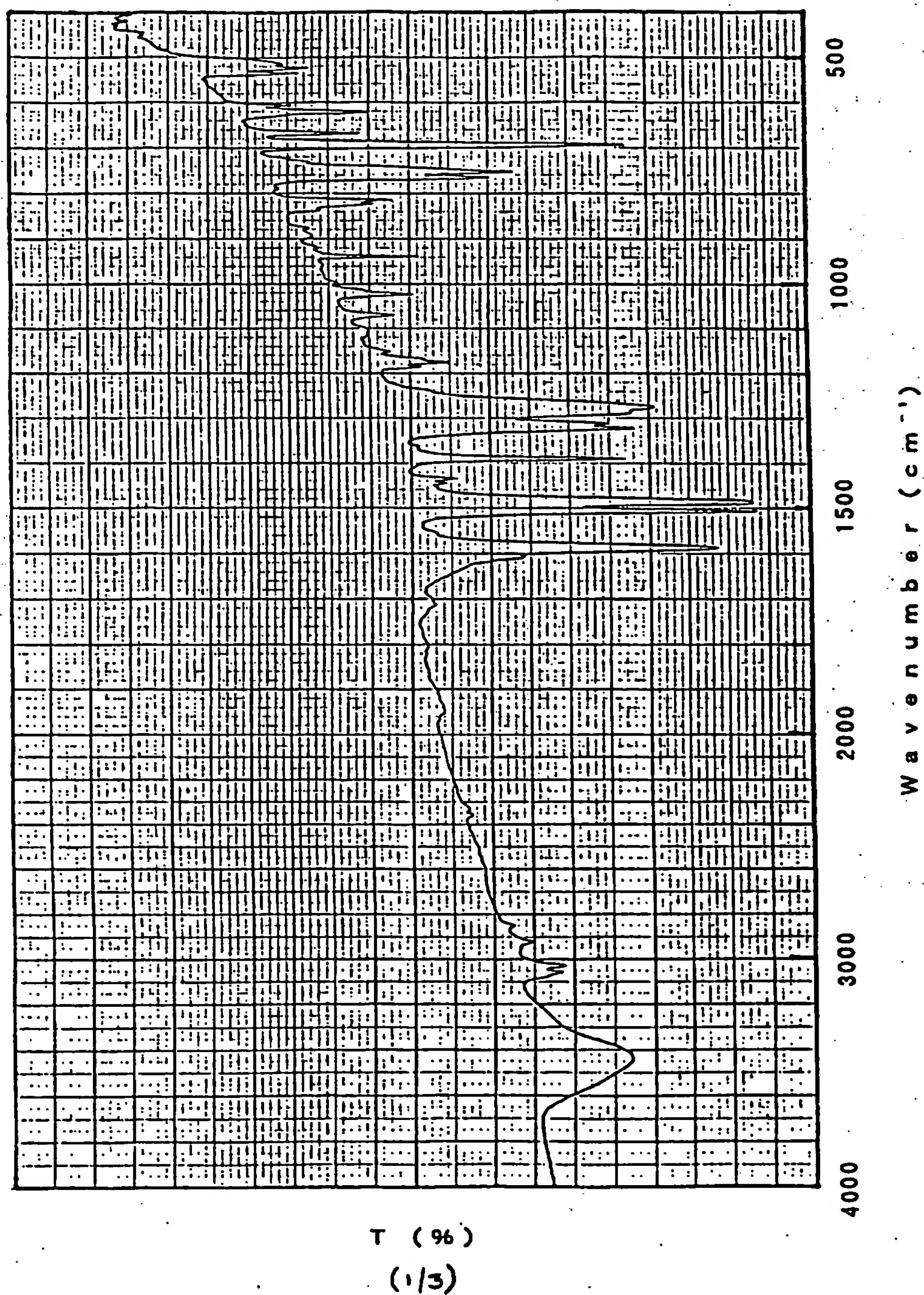
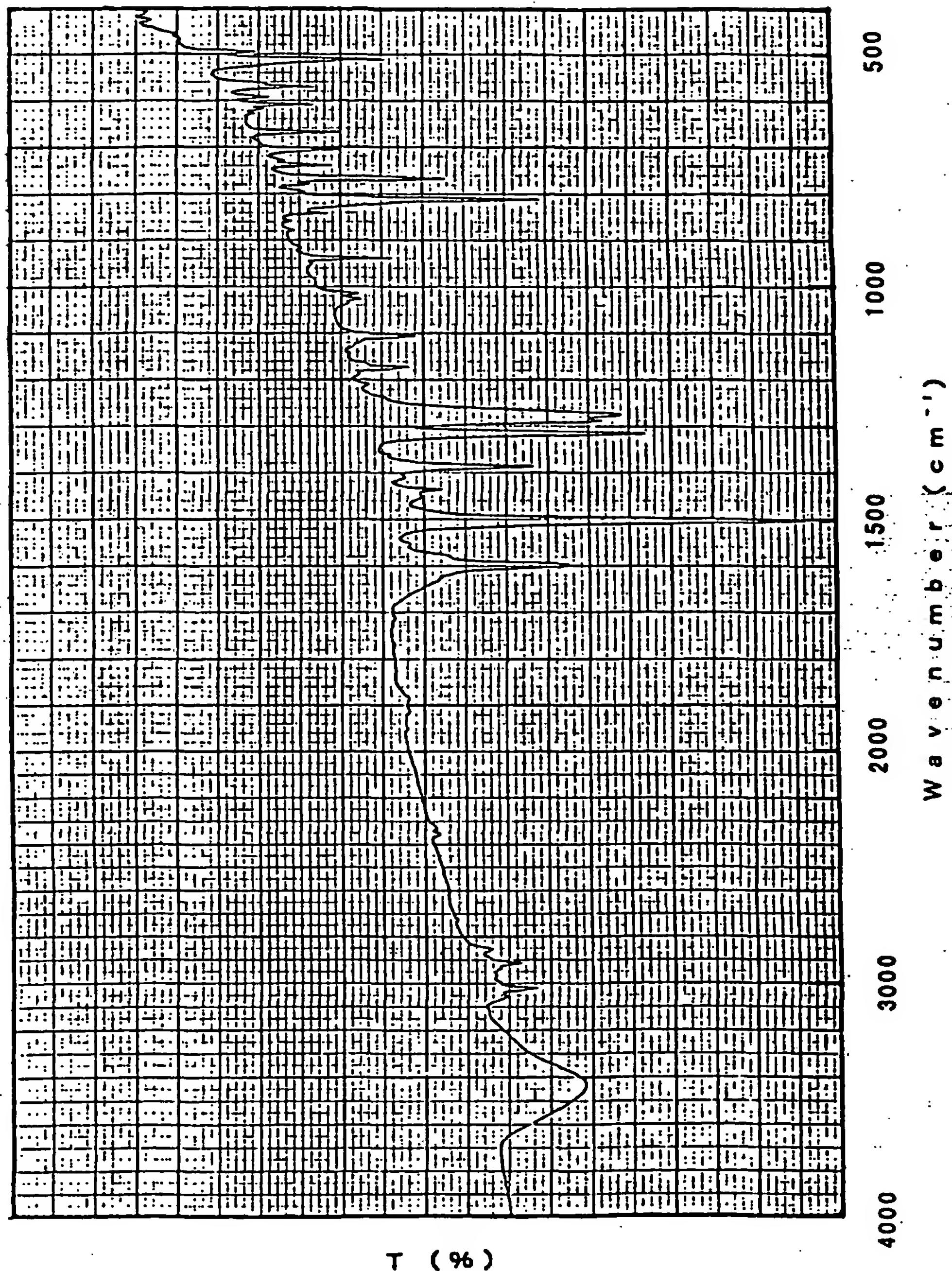


FIG. 3



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